

HORNET 1972



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Motors

Elegance and versatility in a trim size

Every Hornet is richly appointed and smartly styled and fully worthy of comparison with any motor car of its size. Three models are offered: SST 2-door Sedan, SST 4-door Sedan and SST 4-door Sportabout —American Motors' original body design that combines the utility of a wagon with the more formal elegance of a sedan. All models offer a long list of standard luxury features such as, full 100% nylon carpeting, ash trays front and rear, cigarette lighter, glove box lock, coat hooks, package tray, dome-light door switches. Standard Hornet power plant is the husky and thrifty 232 CID Six. Optional are the 258 CID Six, 304 CID V-8 and 360 CID V-8. Two manual transmissions and "Torque Command" automatic round out the power packages. Optional "D/L", "X" and the new "Gucci" (world famous Italian designer of women's fashions) packages greatly increase the customizing and appearance opportunities of Hornet models. One example of Hornet luxury is individually adjustable front reclining seats that take an infinite number of positions — standard with "D/L" and "Gucci" packages, optional on all Hornets.



*Hornet Sportabout with optional
"D/L", "X" and "Standard" trim packages.*





Left: Tan and Buff vinyl Interior. New Adjust-O-Tilt Steering Column—Optional with Automatic Transmission. Also, new removable Storage/Litter Pouch for both front doors—Optional.



Left: Hornet Instrument Panel. New 3-Spoke 15" Sports Steering Wheel, optional (standard in Hornet "X"). Two new Radios, optional: AM Push-Button (same quality as Javelin's), AM/FM Push-Button (monaural). Lockable Glove Box, standard. Package tray—Full width of instrument panel, standard.



Far left: 232 CID 6-cylinder engine. Basic engine for all Hornet models.

Center left: Hornet "X" Optional Bumper Guard.

Left: Optional Decklid Luggage Rack.



Hornet 4-door SST



Hornet 2-door SST

Specifications

Models: Hornet, SST and Sportabout

- 4-Door Sedan: SST
- 2-Door Sedan: SST
- 4-Door Wagon: SST Sportabout

Dimensions

- Wheelbase (in inches) 108.0
- Length (in inches) 179.26
- Width (in inches) 70.58
- Front tread (in inches) for sixes (and V-8's) 57.46 (57.24)
- Rear tread (in inches) for sixes (and V-8's) 57.00 (56.60)
- Trunk space (in cubic feet) 11.2 (Sedans)
- Cargo space (in cubic feet) 60.76 plus 3.8 cu. ft. under cargo floor (Sportabout)
- Fuel tank capacity (in gallons) 16

Exterior and Interior Features

- All welded single unit construction (Advanced Unit Construction)
- Deep Dip rust proofing
- "Lustre-Gard" acrylic enamel—triple coats
- "Cushioned-Acoustical" molded ceiling
- Foam cushion front-seat pads
- Body sound insulation on floor
- Ventless side windows
- Curved side windows
- Liftgate on Sportabout
- Hidden-compartment storage space for Sportabout
- Package tray full width under instrument panel
- Cigarette Lighter
- Bench seats, non-reclining (standard)

Mechanical

- All synchromesh 3-speed manual transmissions
- "Twin-Ball-Joint" front suspension design
- Sway-bar, front (V-8 only)
- Step-on parking brake
- Suspended operating pedals
- Self-adjusting brakes (double safety)
- Anti-smog exhaust emission system
- Anti-smog fuel-tank vapor emission system
- Brake diameter sixes, (in inches) 9
- Brake diameter V-8's, (in inches) 10
- Brake lining area sixes (in square inches) 153.0
- Brake lining area V-8's (in square inches) 167.0
- Fuel tank capacity (in gallons) 16
- Space saver spare tire (standard on Sportabout)

Heating

- Weather-Eye heater

Safe Command Highlights

- Back-up lights & 4-way Hazard warning lights
- High intensity headlights with "Guard-Glo" feature
- Rear view mirror left side exterior
- Inside rear view mirror, less day/night feature
- Electric windshield washers (actuating feature as part of wiper control knob)
- Side-of-car safety markers (illuminated with headlights)
- 2-speed electric windshield wipers—non-glare finish
- Seat belts for all seating positions
- Two front shoulder belts
- Flush-contoured outside door handles
- Hydraulic brake system warning light

- Double-safety brake system
- "Cushioned-Acoustical" Molded Ceiling
- Two front seat head restraints
- High strength door locks & safety shaped interior door handles
- Padded instrument panel, visors, and front seat back
- Anti-Theft lockable steering column
- Energy absorbing steering column
- Deep-Dish energy absorbing steering wheel, custom

Options

Paint & Upholstery

- ☐ Two-tone paint, Sedans only
- ☐ Vinyl covered roof, 5 colors, Sedans only
- ☐ Vinyl trim, standard on Sportabout
- ☐ Fabric trim, standard on Sedans
- ☐ "Scorpio" fabric custom trim: custom upholstery, door panels and moldings
- ☐ "Gucci" vinyl custom trim package: "Gucci" trim on seats, door panels, sun visors and headliner plus front fender emblems and wider rocker panel moldings

Performance Items

- ☐ Twin-Grip differential
- ☐ Low compression 232 & 258 cu. in. 6 cylinder engines
- ☐ Quick ratio manual steering (20:1)

Power Assists

- ☐ Power steering, (recommended with air conditioning)
- ☐ Power brakes
- ☐ Power disc brakes (6 & V-8)
- ☐ Manual disc brakes (6 & V-8)

Seating Items

- ☐ Individually adjustable reclining seats (optional)

Audio

- ☐ AM push button radio
- ☐ AM/FM push button radio

Appearance

- ☐ Sports steering wheel, 3-spoke 15"
- ☐ Wheel covers (4)
- ☐ Custom wheel covers (4)
- ☐ Turbo-disc wheel covers (4)
- ☐ Spoke-style wheels, incl. space saver tire
- ☐ Sportabout "DL" package: "color-keyed" wood grain side and rear panels, roof rack w/integral rear air deflector, custom wheel covers, D/L decal and individual reclining seats w/"Scorpio" fabric trim
- ☐ Sportabout "X" package: sports steering wheel, rally stripe, "X" emblem, wider rocker panel moldings, slot-style wheels and C-78 x 14 black tires
- ☐ 2-Dr. Sedan "X" package: sports steering wheel, rally stripe, "X" emblem, slot-style wheels & C-78 x 14 black tires.
- ☐ 2-dr. Sedan "Rallye" package: 3-speed fully synchronized Floor Shift transmission, quick ratio manual steering, manual disc brakes, handling package, vinyl interior trim w/frt. bucket seats, sports steering wheel & exterior "Rallye" decal

Convenience

- ☐ Stowage/litter container
- ☐ All-season air conditioning system; heavy duty engine cooling system, 50 amp. battery, 55 amp. alternator and 6.95 x 14 black tires

- ☐ Air conditioning package: air conditioning system, tinted glass, power steering and insulation group (undercoating and hood insulation)
- ☐ Tinted glass all windows or windshield only
- ☐ Roof rack with integral liftgate air deflector, Sportabout
- ☐ Luggage rack, decklid on Sedans
- ☐ Rear quarter vent windows, 2-door Sedan
- ☐ Sun roof, 2-door Sedan and Sportabout
- ☐ Adjust-O-Tilt steering wheel, with automatic transmission only
- ☐ Visibility group: remote control left outside mirror, inside hood release, deluxe variable speed electric wipers, electric clock, dual horns and visor vanity mirror
- ☐ Deluxe variable speed electric wipers
- ☐ Light group: trunk light, two courtesy lights, glove box light, parking brake warning light and headlights-on warning buzzer

Protection items

- ☐ Bumper guards, front only or front and rear
- ☐ Insulation group: undercoating and hood insulation, standard w/ A/C package
- ☐ Clear vinyl floor protection mats
- ☐ Scuff moldings, side with vinyl insert, not available w/wood grain

Heavy Duty Equipment

- ☐ Heavy duty engine cooling system: heavy duty radiator, power flex fan and fan shroud (standard with air conditioning)
- ☐ Heavy duty 70 amp. battery
- ☐ 50 or 60 amp. tropical battery
- ☐ 55 amp. alternator
- ☐ Handling package: (6 cylinder) front sway bar, heavy duty springs and shock absorbers
- ☐ Handling package: (V-8) heavy duty springs and shock absorbers
- ☐ Engine block heater
- ☐ Heavy duty 10" clutch—mandatory w/6 cylinder and standard transmission
- ☐ Front sway bar. 6 cyl. (std. on V-8)

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Nitrox/TCS system—Nitrox and transmission controlled spark system
- ☐ Touch-up paint
- ☐ Export headlamps amber or clear lens
- ☐ Metric speedometer
- ☐ Locking gas cap
- ☐ Export tool kit
- ☐ Finned type brake drums 6 cylinder (9" diameter)
- ☐ Dual horns
- ☐ Trunk mat, 2 & 4 dr. Sedans

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Engines	Carbs.	Net HP @ RPM	Net Torque @ RPM	Compression Ratio	Bore & Stroke	Hornet SST & Sportabout	Transmissions	Axle Ratios
232 Cu. In. Six (1)	1-Barrel	100 @ 3600	185 @ 1800	8.0:1 Reg.	3.75" x 3.50"	S	3-Speed Manual on Column (Standard)	3.08:1 (3.31:1 3.58:1)
							3-Speed Manual Floor Shift (2)	3.08:1 (3.31:1)
							Torque Command Automatic on Column	3.08:1 (3.31:1)
258 Cu. In. Six (1)	1-Barrel	110 @ 3500	195 @ 2000	8.0:1 Reg.	3.75" x 3.90"	0	3-Speed Manual Floor Shift (Standard)	3.08:1 (3.31:1 3.58:1)
							Torque Command Automatic on Column	3.08:1 (3.31:1)
304 Cu. In. V-8	2-Barrel	150 @ 4200	245 @ 2500	8.4:1 Reg.	3.75" x 3.44"	0	Torque Command Automatic on Column	2.87:1 (3.15:1)
							3-Speed Manual Floor Shift (2)	3.54:1 (3.15:1)
360 Cu. In. V-8	2-Barrel	175 @ 4000	285 @ 2400	8.5:1 Reg.	4.08" x 3.44"	0	Torque Command Automatic on Column	2.87:1 (3.15:1)

(1) Low compression 6 cylinder engine available in these horsepower ratings.

(2) Available only with "Rallye" Package.

S—Standard 0—Optional